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Applicants : Jeffrey A. Brown, et al.
U.S. Serial No. : 09/536,074
Filed : March 24, 2000
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AND VIEWING SIMILAR PROGRAMS WITHIN A VIDEO SYSTEM
Art Unit : 2611
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 31, 2004

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AND
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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Fee \$ _____
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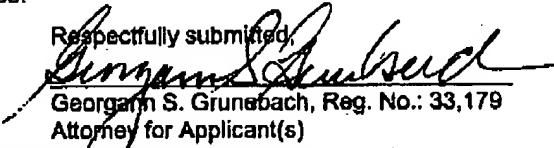
Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

No additional fee for claims is required.

The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	24 minus	26* =	0 x	\$ 18.00	\$	55
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus	3** =	0 x	\$ 86.00	\$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			0 +	\$ 290.00	\$	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						\$000.00

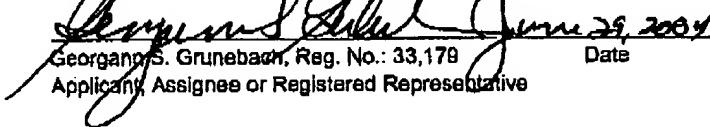
Charge \$ 00.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

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- > Amendment Transmittal
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